Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States Legislative Hearing 1324 Longworth House Office Building February 5, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4059, H.R. 4495, H.R. 4888, H.R. 5153

Questions from Rep. Bishop for Darryl LaCounte, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

- 1. As to H.R. 4888 (Grand Ronde bill), could the land claims authorized under this bill create a cloud on the title of private property owners?
- 2. Is the filing of land claims (as under H.R. 4888) often used as a means for identifying and correcting federal agency survey errors?
- 3. Does the gaming prohibition language contained in H.R. 4888 adequately ensure nothing in this act can lead to the creation of a casino under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act?
- 4. With respect to H.R. 4059, does the BIA have any concerns with its ability to properly administer trust lands in a national monument? Are there any concerns with increased federal liability for acquiring the land in trust under this bill?
- 5. Has the Agua Caliente Tribe applied to have lands described in H.R. 4059 acquired in trust under the Department's "Part 151" process? If so, what's the status of the application?